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TAGS: MASS, TH, UK
SUBJECT: UK DISPLAYS DEFENSE WARES

1. IN A SORT OF ROAD SHOW PROMOTING BRITISH ARMS SALES, THE BRITISH FLEET AUXILIARY SHOP LYNESS VISITED THAILAND RECENTLY TO OFF LOAD A VARIETY OF MILITARY ITEMS, FROM TANKS AND APCS TO LIGHT GUNS, ASSAULT BOATS, AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE THAI TO INSPECT. THE WEAPONRY WAS FIRST ON DISPLAY AT THE HARBOR AREA, INCLUDING AN IMPRESSIVE BOAT DEMONSTRATION ON THE CHAO PHYA RIVER, AND THEN MOVED TO THE LOPURI ARTILLERY CENTER FOR DEMONSTRATION. THE VISIT RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY WITH PROMINENT PRESS PHOTOS, INCLUDING PICTURES OF ARMED VEHICLES ROLLING ALONG THE STREETS OF BANGKOK. (SUPREME COMMAND TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF ISSUING AN EXPLANATION TO AVOID ANY "MISUNDERSTANDING" ON THE PART OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. THIS VISIT STRIKES US AS RATHER UNIQUE METHOD FOR PROMOTING ARMS EXPORTS, BUT THE BRITISH ARE NO DOUBT ATTRACTED BY THAI PRONOUNCEMENTS THAT THEY WILL BE PURCHASING ONE BILLION DOLLARS WOTH OF MILITARY HARDWARE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND PERCEIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO

OBTAIN A LARGER SHARE OF A MARKET THAT HERETOFORE HAS
BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY U.S. DOMINATED.
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